

Colorado Proud School Meal Day Celebrates Colorado Agriculture and Healthy Eating

Governor John Hickenlooper has proclaimed September 10, 2014, as Colorado Proud School Meal Day. This eleventh annual event encourages schools to incorporate Colorado products in their meals to celebrate Colorado Agriculture and to educate students about healthy eating. A variety of chef demos and agriculture presentations took place on Wednesday, September 10.

Agriculture Presentations

Boulder Valley School District

Aspen Creek

Steve Maitland, Fossil Creek Farm

Students got a chance to meet farmer Steve and learn about farm operations including crops produced on the farm. Fossil Creek Farm is one of Boulder Valley School District's corn suppliers and Fossil Creek corn will be featured on school lunch menus through the month.

Poudre School District

Eyestone Elementary School

Jessika Brandit-Feldenkirchen, Cresset Farm LLC

St. Vrain Valley Schools

Burlington Elementary School

Sarah Tuft, Wacky Apple Company, LLC & the St. Vrain Valley FFA

Colorado Proud member Wacky Apple Company, LLC handed out Wacky apples to students with the help of local St. Vrain Valley FFA. Sarah spoke about her family's apple orchards and the health benefits of eating apples.

Central Elementary School

Shaina Knight, Colorado Department of Agriculture & the St. Vrain Valley FFA

Shaina Knight with the Colorado Department of Agriculture partnered with the St. Vrain Valley FFA in passing out local produce to students and talking about local agriculture. Colorado Proud Car on site!

Chef Demos

Boulder Valley School District

Aspen Creek

Chef Bradford Heap, of Salt and Colterra Restaurants

Chef Bradford cleverly prepared a fresh tomato and cucumber salad as he spoke to students about where some of our states vegetables came from and how to prepare seasonal foods.

Denver Public Schools

Teller Elementary School

Chef Adam Fisher, Denver Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services Dept.

Kale chips anyone! Chef Adam brings a popular local restaurant menu item to Denver Public Schools with success.

Garden Place Elementary School

Chef Anthony Salazar, The Kitchen Next Door – Glendale

Chef Anthony highlights fresh vegetables with a colorful garden salad prepared from fresh produce from the Bradley and Schmitt Elementary School farms.

Cory Elementary School

Chef Mary Broere, Chef On The Spot.

Chef Mary whipped up a cucumber and tomato salad featuring produce from the Cory school garden. All students were invited to try the fresh tasty salad. In addition, the salad bar brimmed with Colorado peaches and Cory grown cherry tomatoes. Fourth grade students also harvested and arranged flowers from the Cory school garden to display on all the lunch tables.

Steele Elementary School

Chef Gregory Sever, MorningStar Senior Living

Chef Gregory recreated the schools popular zesty pasta salad featuring house made Italian dressing, vegetables from the Steele school garden and whole grain penne pasta.

Palmer Elementary School

Chef Isaiah Ruffin, Pizza Republica

Chef Isaiah volunteered his time to use the bountiful produce from the Palmer school garden and speaking to students about the art of seasoning vegetables.

Douglas County School District

Mammoth Heights Elementary

Chef Jason Morse, Douglas County Schools, Parker Mayor Mike Waid, Wendy White with the Colorado Department of Agriculture, and Douglas County School District Board of Education President Kevin Larsen helped serve a “Colorado Proud” lunch, including: Western BBQ burger or cheeseburger featuring Colorado beef, seasoned San Luis Valley potato wedges, Colorado watermelon, Colorado made cookies, and Colorado milk.

Roaring Fork School District

Sopris Elementary

Chef Scott Dodd, Wildwood Smokehouse and Buffalo's by Vail Resorts

Chef Scott artfully worked toward serving perfectly prepared Palisade Peach smoothies to the entire school. He passed out recipes to the students interested in recreating the healthy treat at home.